--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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The present invention relates generally to self-dispersing, hardenable epoxy resins, the epoxy resins based on α,β-unsaturated carboxylic acid esters, processes for their production, aqueous dispersions containing such epoxy resins, and to their use in coating solid substrates.--

At page 5, between lines 2 and 3, insert:

--The present invention also includes processes for the production of self-dispersing, hardenable epoxy resins.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

At page 13, between lines 1 and 2, insert --What is claimed is:--.

Please add new page 15, which is attached hereto, containing an Abstract of the Disclosure, following the claims.

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 8-20, as follows:

--8. (New) A process for producing self-dispersing, curable, epoxy resins, the process comprising:

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(i) reacting (a) one or more α,β-unsaturated carboxylic acid esters of the general formula (I),

$$R^2R^3C=C(R^4)COOR^1 \qquad (I),$$

with (b) one or more aminopolyalkylene oxide compounds having at least one aminonitrogen atom with one or more reactive hydrogen atoms, wherein R^1 represents a hydrocarbon radical having up to 15 carbon atoms, wherein R^2, R^3, and R^4 each independently represents a substituent selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydrocarbon radicals having up to 20 carbon atoms, and $-(CH_2)_n-COOR^1$, wherein R^1 is as defined above and n represents a